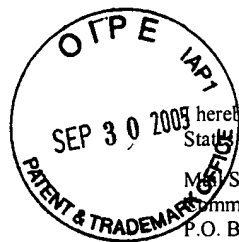


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 30, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time to respond for one month, from August 30, 2005 through September 30, 2005, accompanies this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.